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To: All CA Field Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Requirement for Reporting/Consolidating BLM Partners and Cooperators

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**Purpose:** The Washington Office of External Affairs issued a spreadsheet document (attached) and discussed the listing and consolidation of BLM partners and cooperators during the weekly national conference call on February 7. The purpose of the listing is to more uniformly respond to ongoing requests from the Secretary's office for partnership information. This partnership message is featured in the recent FY 2007 Budget request documents, with a quote from the Secretary:

"One of the most appealing aspects about America is that the best ideas in the country are not thought up by a committee, handed down by edict from a high official or invented in the back office of a government bureaucracy. Rather, they come from the people, often working in partnership with each other, who capture a vision and then pursue it until it becomes real."

This management approach, called Cooperative Conservation, seeks to strengthen partnerships and promote citizen stewardship of the public lands and resources. I feel strongly that BLM-California has long been a leader in this style of management, thanks to all of your hard work in developing and nurturing such partnerships. While I understand this requirement will take a little time to compile, I believe it will be very useful in communicating to the Washington Office and the Secretary's Office our success in this area. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

This Instruction Memorandum (IM) requires Field Office Managers to complete the BLM partners and cooperators spreadsheet as completely as possible. You have all done this before



and have done a very good job. Now, we need to consolidate the list, store and maintain it electronically so it is accessible to all of us.

**Time-frame**: State and Field Office inputs are due by <u>March 15, 2006</u>. Once the data has been collected, the State Office of External Affairs will consolidate the information and place it on a shared drive.

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Attachment

BLM Partners and Cooperators Spreadsheet (1 pg)